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1. Early in February 1953, police officers in the Cottbus area were ordered to work over-time at night at the registry office (Einwohner-Meldeamt), to assist in filling out the new personal identity documents, which are to be issued by districts and are referred to as "Bezirksausweise". The project was discontinued because the card-file of the Meldeamt was not in order. It is expected that this file will be straightened out by the end of May, when the police will again be called upon to help.
2. Plans call for the issuing of the Bezirksausweise in all parts of East Germany on the same date. This date will probably not be before the end of June 1953, as most areas are far behind schedule in filling out the booklets; only in Saxony is the work approaching completion.

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